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MANUFACTURE OF INDIGENOUS TANK `Z` BY HVF
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the progress in the manufacture of the indigenous tank 'Z' by the Heavy Vehicles Factory (HVF) is dismal as they could not so far produce 124 tanks indented by the Army Headquarters in March, 2000;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken by the Government to revamp the performance of HVF in the production and supply of tank 'Z'?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) The 'Z' tank has passed through a developmental phase necessitated by technological changes. The tank has also been undergoing user trial evaluation and in the process certain aggregates underwent design modifications. Issue of tanks to Army will commence once the performance of the tanks is found satisfactory during extensive trials.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The infrastructure for production and supply of tanks has already been upgraded with an outlay of Rs.100 crores.